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# EMS AND 911 COVID-19 RESPONSE WHITE PAPER PROJECT UPDATE

**NEMSAC MEETING PRESENTATION**

**Wednesday, May 12, 2022**

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## Background

- Examine the ongoing EMS and 911 response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Develop and prioritize actions to enhance response and better prepare the EMS and 911 community for the future

## Listening Sessions

- Engage the EMS and 911 community to discuss issues, challenges, and potential solutions for the ongoing response
  - ✓ **Workforce**
  - ✓ **Supply Chain**
  - ✓ **Data and Information**
  - ✓ **Education**
  - ✓ **Coordination and Collaboration**
  - ✓ **Funding and Business Continuity**
  - ✓ **Operational Countermeasures**
  - ✓ **Vaccines and Testing**



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## Status

- Conducted 8 listening sessions
- Collected input from across the EMS and 911 community
- Developing White Paper draft

## Crosscutting Themes

- Codifying EMS and 911 as **essential services**
- **Improving integration** with local level organizations (e.g., EMS, 911, healthcare, public health, public safety, emergency management)
- Enhancing awareness and information sharing regarding **EMS and 911 needs**
- Supporting EMS and 911 organizations' capabilities to **leverage practical adaptations**



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## Timeline

- Complete first full draft of White Paper – May 2022
- Review and update draft (including NEMSAC review) – June 2022
- Finalize and publish White Paper – July 2022

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